THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) There are 24 major circuses in the country. Their Statewise number is:—

State	No. of Circuses
1. Kerala	9
2. West Bengal	6
3. Maharashtra	3
4. Karnataka	2
5. Uttar Pradesh	2
6. Gujarat	1
7. Tamil Nadu	1
Total	24

Besides, there are some small and a few medium size circuses also.

(b) Circus is covered under subject 'Amusement' of the State List in the Constitution. Therefore, it is the primary responsibility of the State Government to promote it through incentives and other means.

In most of the States, it is either exempted from Entertainment Tax or such Tax is charged at a very low rate. Concessional rates are also being charged by Railways for the movement of circus personnel and their effects .

Urdu teachers and students in Central Schools

1690. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teachers working in the Central Schools as on February 28, 1990, State-wise;

(b) what is the number of Urdu teachers in these schools as on February 28, 1990; and

(c) what is the number of students studying Urdu in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Ordnance factories in the country

1691. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in the country as on January 30, 1990, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers working in these factories during the same period; and

(c) the number of ordnance factories set up during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There were 35 Ordnance Factories in the country as on 30th January, 1990. In addition to the above, Ordnance Factory, Medak in Andhra Pradesh, Ordnance Factory, Bolangir in Orissa Combined Engine Plant, Avadi and Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu were at the project stage as on the 30th January, 1990. The Statewise distribution of Ordnance Factories is given in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(b) The total number of workers in these factories was about 1,77,596 as on 1-1-90.

(c) One factory, namely, the Opto Electronics Factory, at Dehradun.